

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 288  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Charles F. Holmes upon his meritorious service to the University of Memphis and to higher education in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary public servants who have dedicated their distinguished careers to achieving excellence in higher education, thereby serving the public good to a degree to which few can even aspire; and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Holmes, who recently retired as Director of University Relations at the University of Memphis after a stellar 32-year tenure with the school, is most assuredly one such praiseworthy public servant; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his outstanding career at the University of Memphis, Mr. Holmes has served with acumen and industry under four different presidents, and he has been instrumental in the phenomenal growth of the school from 6,000 to more than 20,000 students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his superlative, unflagging service to the University of Memphis, Mr. Holmes has received the prestigious President's Award for Exceptional Service, an honor most befitting this fine gentleman who is universally admired and respected by administration, faculty and students alike; and

WHEREAS, he received this august honor from President V. Lane Rawlins at the 1995 Faculty Convocation, where he basked in the glow of love and appreciation from his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, an administrator of the greatest compassion and integrity, Mr. Holmes is also the deserving recipient of the Otis L. Floyd, Jr. Award for Contributions to Higher Education and Public Relations from the Tennessee College Public Relations Association; and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Holmes is truly an exceptional talent in the field of public relations for higher education, and his retirement has created a void at the University of Memphis which will not be easily filled; and

WHEREAS, although he is indeed gifted in his profession, Mr. Holmes has never been content to merely rely on his talent or his past accomplishments, but rather this extraordinary public servant has worked assiduously and with dedication to achieve the full potential of his considerable abilities, a most admirable trait which evidences his outstanding character and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, we find it most appropriate to honor Mr. Holmes on the occasion of his retirement, reflecting fondly upon his indelible legacy of proficient service to higher education and his ongoing commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Charles F. Holmes upon his 32 years of meritorious service to the University of Memphis and to higher education in Tennessee, salute his illustrious tenure as Director of University Relations, and wish him much continued success and happiness as he enjoys the golden years of retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Holmes, with this final clause omitted from such copy.